

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House agreed to the Conference Report to accompany H.R. 658, FAA Reauthorization and Reform Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned until 2 p.m., on Monday, February 6, 2012.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 7 public bills, H.R. 3894–3900; 1 private bill, H.R. 3901; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 538, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 537, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1734) to decrease the deficit by realigning, consolidating, selling, disposing, and improving the efficiency of Federal buildings and other civilian real property, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–385);

H.R. 1864, to limit the authority of States to tax certain income of employees for employment duties performed in other States, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–386); and

H.R. 1162, to provide the Quileute Indian Tribe Tsunami and Flood Protection, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–387).

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Dr. Cal LeMon, First and Calvary Presbyterian Church, Springfield, Missouri.

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FAA Reauthorization and Reform Act—Conference Report: The House agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 658, to amend title 49,

United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2011 through 2014, to streamline programs, create efficiencies, reduce waste, and improve aviation safety and capacity, and to provide stable funding for the national aviation system, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 248 yeas to 169 nays, Roll No. 33.

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H. Res. 533, the rule providing for consideration of the conference report, was agreed to by voice vote after the previous question was ordered without objection.

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Baseline Reform Act of 2012: The House passed H.R. 3578, to amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to reform the budget baseline, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 235 yeas to 177 nays, Roll No. 32. Consideration of the measure began yesterday, February 2nd.

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Rejected the Tierney motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Budget with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 177 yeas to 238 nays, Roll No. 31.

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H. Res. 534, the rule that is providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 3578) and (H.R. 3582), was agreed to yesterday, February 2nd.

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon on Monday, February 6th for morning hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business. **Page H463**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared with respect to the situation in or in relation to Cote d'Ivoire is to continue in effect beyond February 7, 2012—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 112–84). **Page H464**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H457–58, H458, and H459. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 2:04 p.m.

Committee Meetings

ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel and Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on accountability at Arlington National Cemetery. Testimony was heard from Lieutenant General Peter Vangjel, USA, Inspector General, Office of the Secretary of the Army; Kathryn A. Condon, Executive Director, Arlington National Cemetery; Brian Lepore, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, Government Accountability Office; and Belva Martin, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, Government Accountability Office.

CHEMICAL FACILITY ANTI-TERRORISM STANDARDS PROGRAM

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy held a hearing entitled “Evaluating Internal Operation and Implementation of the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards program (CFATS) by the Department of Homeland Security”. Testimony was heard from Rand Beers, Under Secretary for the National Protection and Programs Directorate (NPPD), Department of Homeland Security; and David Wulf, Deputy Director, Infrastructure Security Compliance Division, Office of Infrastructure Protection, National Protection and Programs Directorate, Department of Homeland Security.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power continued a hearing entitled “American Jobs Now: A Legislative Hearing on H.R. 3548, the “North American Energy Access Act.” Testimony was heard from Margaret Gaffney-

Smith, Chief, Regulatory, Army Corps of Engineers; Mike Pool, Deputy Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Steven M. Anderson, Brigadier General (retired), USA; and public witness.

IS DHS EFFECTIVELY IMPLEMENTING A STRATEGY TO COUNTER EMERGING THREATS?

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Management held a hearing entitled “Is DHS Effectively Implementing a Strategy to Counter Emerging Threats?” Testimony was heard from Shawn Reese, Analyst, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Policy, Congressional Research Service; David Maurer, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Team, Government Accountability Office; Alan Cohn, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Policy, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on the following: H.R. 3041, the “Federal Consent Decree Fairness Act” and H.R. 3862, the “Sunshine for Regulatory Decrees and Settlements Act”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands held a hearing on the following: H.R. 491, to modify the boundaries of Cibola National Forest in the State of New Mexico, to transfer certain Bureau of Land Management land for inclusion in the National Forest, and for other purposes; H.R. 3685, to amend the Herger-Feinstein Quincy Library Group Forest Recovery Act to extend and expand the scope of the pilot forest management project required by that Act; and S. 271, the “Wallowa Forest Service Compound Conveyance Act”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Herger and Walden. Testimony was also heard from Leslie A.C. Weldon, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service and public witnesses.

CIVILIAN PROPERTY REALIGNMENT ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 1734, the “Civilian Property Realignment Act”. The Committee granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature

of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 112–11, shall be considered as adopted, and provides that the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Denham, Norton, Jackson Lee, and Butterfield.

FOSTERING QUALITY SCIENCE AT EPA

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing entitled “Fostering Quality Science at EPA: Perspectives on Common Sense Reform—Day II”. Testimony was heard from Deborah Swackhamer, Professor, Environmental Health Sciences, University of Minnesota, and Chairwoman, EPA Science Advisory Board; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a markup of H.R. 3864, the “American Energy and Infrastructure Jobs Financing Act of 2012”. The bill was ordered reported without amendment.

Joint Meetings

EMPLOYMENT SITUATION

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the employment situation for January 2012, after receiving testimony from John Galvin, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2012

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearing scheduled.

House

Committee on Armed Services, Panel on Business Challenges within the Defense Industry, hearing on Doing Business with DOD: Contracting and Regulatory Issues, 3 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 3521, the “Expedited Line-Item Veto and Rescissions Act of 2011” and H.R. 3581, the “Budget and Accounting Transparency Act of 2011”, 5 p.m., H–313 Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

2 p.m., Monday, February 6

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 p.m., Monday, February 6

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 3 p.m.), Senate will begin consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 658, FAA Reauthorization and Reform Act, with a vote on adoption of the conference report at approximately 5:30 p.m.

House Chamber

Program for Monday: To be announced.

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